#### \*\*\*PREPARE COMMUNION\*\*\* January - Jerry and Rosemary McCoy February - Zack and Beckie Tanner

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

**TODAY** - Pat Cooper \* January 19 - Marietta Reams

#### **CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS**

Pancake Mix \* Sugar \* Hair Spray (non-aerosol) \* Cream of Celery Soup \* Men's Stick Deodorant \* Snack Bars \* pick up date March 23

### **OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK**

Attendance - 165 Contribution - \$4833

### FOOD PANTRY

JANUARY ITEMS: CRACKERS Canned spaghetti sauce, pork n beans, Vienna sausages. Cash donations also gratefully accepted

### Happy Birthday:

January 12 - Janie Burleson Phyllis Howard January 13 - Jason Karnes January 17 - Larry Layton January 18 - Mike Duley



**Bible Trivia:** 

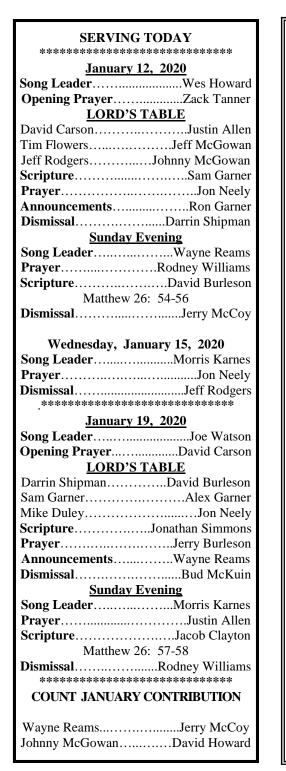
What was the name of one of the two friends that met Jesus on the road to Emmaus after the resurrection?

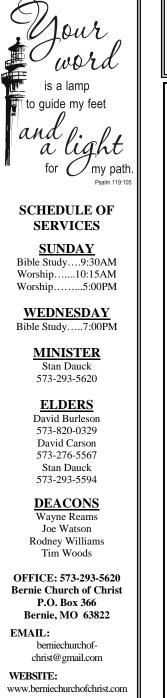
### Last Week's Answer:

The prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found **Jeroboam** outside of Jerusalem and tore his new garment into **twelve** pieces (1 Kings 11: 29,30)



Forever Family Recognition for the Colliers Sunday, January 26, following evening services. We will have soup, sandwiches and finger foods. Make plans to stay and celebrate God's answer to many years of prayer





# TRUE LIGHT

January 12, 2020

### What Can I Do To Help The Church Grow?

A George Barna survey studied people who visited a local congregation. **He found that:** 

- 78 percent loved being greeted by individuals who sat around them at the end of the service
- 72 percent did not want to stand and be recognized during service
- 70 percent liked receiving information about the church
- 65 percent did not want a name tag
- 64 percent did not want the preacher coming to their house

You and I know there is more to congregational growth than numbers. Yet when we consider the narrative of Acts, the Holy Spirit influenced Luke to record the numerical growth of the Lord's church (Acts 4:4; 5:14: 6:1; 9:31).

### So what can you do to help the church grow?

- 1. Park as far away from the building as you can in order to leave closer places for visitors
- 2. Introduce yourself to guests who sit near you. If 78 percent of visitors appreciate being greeted, then let us all be greeters!
- 3. Invite people to Bible class. If your friends have children, walk them to the classroom
- 4. Ask guests to join you at other gatherings, such as small group meeting or social get-together in your home
- 5. Smile! It is incredible what happens when we smile at others
- 6. Invite them to lunch. This way you can visit informally and get to know them better
- 7. Ask guests to sit with you during worship
- 8. Learn the visitor's name and introduce him/her to people you know. This is a good practice and is biblical (3 John 14)
- 9. Be a friend! People are looking for more than a friendly church. They are searching for friendship
- 10. Pray for them by name
- New Providence c/Christ, via Bulletin Digest

## Welcome! We are glad you are here.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

January 14: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Pizza Hut in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if vou'd like to attend

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: hot dogs, soups and chili. Desserts will be needed January 18 & 19: Ignite Youth Rally at Jackson. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nurserv

### Looking Ahead

Mary and Martha January 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship room

Adoption Recognition Supper for the Colliers January 26 following evening worship. Bring soups, sandwiches and/or finger foods and help us celebrate with the Colliers on their Forever Family!

Widow/Widower/Senior Luncheon February 6 at 11:30 in the fellowship room

Challenge Youth Conference February 28-March 1 at Pigeon Forge. The theme is "Power: Word, Spirit, Cross, God." If you plan to attend, please see Stan as soon as possible

Area Wide Singing March 8 at 2 p.m. at Fruitland church of Christ

Inspiration 2020 March 13 and 14 at Dexter church of Christ with guest speaker Lonnie Jones. The theme is "Connected"

Gospel Meeting at Bernie March 28-April 1 with guest speaker Jim Faughn. Start praving now for a successful meeting

### Unfailing Love

On a recent airline flight the landing was a little rough, jostling us left and right down the runway. Some of the passengers were visibly nervous, but the tension broke when two little girls sitting behind me cheered, "Yeah! Let's do that again!"

Your unfailing love is better than Children are open to new adventures and see life with humble, wide-eyed wonder. Perhaps this is part of what Jesus life itself; how I praise you! had in mind when He said that we have to "receive the kingdom of God like a little child" (Mark 10:15).

(*Psalm 63:3*)

Life has its challenges and heartaches. Few knew this better than Jeremiah, who is also called "the weeping prophet." But in the middle of Jeremiah's troubles, God encouraged him with an amazing truth: "The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning" (Lam. 3:22-23).

God's fresh mercies can break into our lives at any moment. They are always there, and we see them when we live with childlike expectation - watching and waiting for what only He can do. Jeremiah knew that God's goodness is not defined only by our immediate circumstances and that His faithfulness is greater than life's rough places. Look for God's fresh mercies today.

James Banks, Our Daily Bread

Lifting up in Prayer...

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Matt and Ashley Dodson of Parma in the sudden death of their 3 month old son<sup>\*</sup> **Pansy Zimmerman** has cellulitis on her foot \* **Bill** and **Beverly Pruitt** have both been sick for a few weeks now \* **Goldie Kirkpatrick** (Mary Barnett's sister) is still very ill and under sedation at the hospital. A shunt has been put in her head to drain the fluid from her brain \* **Trish** Baldwin is still waiting on results from the MRI on her knee \* Mary Barnett hasn't been feeling well \* Gideon Guntert (Thomasons' grandson) had a procedure to close his tracheot-omy site Friday \* **Donnie Rawlings'** (David Carson's brother in law) cancer treatments haven't been successful and they are looking for alternative treatments \* **Billie Cooper** is back home after several weeks in rehab following a fall \* **Helen McGowan** needs prayers that a kidney can be found soon \*

### **CONTINUING PRAYERS**

### (congregational)

(congregational) Louella Akers \* John David Barnett \* David Burleson \* Jerry Burleson \* Pam Claeys \* Billie Cooper \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Grant Howard \* Curtis McClard \* Darlene McGowan \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Reba Owens \* Ida Roberts \* Gayle Rodgers \* Waynetta Rod-gers \* Elwood Rush \* Jane Smith \* David Terrill \* Max Terrill \* Bettie Thurston \* Joy Watson \* Marty Watson \* Woody Wood \* Darrell Zimmerman \* Pansy Zimmerman \*

In Sympathy: Sympathy is extended to Mindy Pruitt in the loss of her father, Mike. Mike's memorial service was held Friday at Rainey Mathis in Dexter

### **CONTINUING PRAYERS** (non congregational)

### Cancer

Kristi Altman Roxanne Carson Sherry Chambers Dale Éaton Bill Fitzpatrick Peggy Hampton LeAnn Jacques Tommy Jacques Pam Jeralds Andy Kelley Connie Lemmons Annette Lumsden Phil McKuin Ponna Mahan Paula Mason Betty Nicholson Donnie Rawlings Gerald Robertson Deanna Rogers Bobby Thornton

### **Other Health Issues**

Megan Brenna DeeDee Burch Mary Burke (poor health) Renee Goodman (serious health issues) Clyde Jacques Lola Johnson (kidney) Beckie King (MS) Nikki Lawrence (migraines) Sonja Mays (poor health) Alvin Miller (poor health) Tom Provance Gene Rowland Traci Suiter (poor health) Paige Tanner (congestive heart failure)

#### **OUR SHUT INS Central Garden:** Lois McKuin #218 **Ridgeview Living:** Shirley Johnson #225 Max Terrill #207 Marty Watson #107 Isaac Wheeler #201 **Cypress Point:** Joy Watson #8 Winchester Place: Elwood Rush. #6 Crowley Ridge Nursing: Fern Botsch, #103 Winchester Nursing Home: Sue Flowers #208 Travis Cooper, #205

AT HOME: Pam Claeys, Scott & Judy Flannery, Gayle Rodgers